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**PRC/TAIWAN: STERN WARNING AGAINST INDEPENDENCE**

In a major address yesterday commemorating China's 1911 revolution, PRC President Yang Shangkun condemned Taiwan independence advocates and made veiled attacks on Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui for tolerating the independence movement and on "foreign forces" for supporting it, according to press reports. "We will never merely sit by and watch any act of separating Taiwan from China," vowed Yang, adding that "whoever plays with fire will perish by fire."

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